

Executive Registry

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Mr. Bernhardt K. Wruble
Director, Office of Government Ethics
Office of Personnel Management
Washington, D. C. 20415

Dear Mr. Wruble:

This is to inform you that I hereby exercise my authority under Section 205 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to exempt from the public disclosure provisions of that Act the financial reports submitted by employees of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I authorize this exemption after finding that, due to the nature of the offices and positions held by such individuals, public disclosure of their financial reports would, by revealing their identities or other sensitive information, compromise the national interest of the United States. This exemption applies to the reports submitted by any current employee, former employee, and any individual detailed or assigned for duty with the Central Intelligence Agency. The exemption does not apply, however, to the reports of the Director of Central Intelligence, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and the Agency official designated to administer the Act, which will be submitted to you for review and made available for public inspection.

In addition, I am authorizing the filing of such additional reports as are necessary to protect the identities of CIA personnel required to file reports under the Act because I have found that such additional filings are necessary in the national interest. Such additional reports will be prepared in accordance with procedures established by the CIA official designated to administer the Act.

My decision of course does not relieve any CIA official of an obligation to file a complete financial report with the designated Agency official for review and adjudication in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Jimmy Carter